

## World Book Day

by Tomás Peavoy Kass

On world book day March everyone came to school dressed as their favourite book characters. There were some amazing costumes. Keeley dressed up as a cowgirl, Ciara dressed up as Matilda, Rachel dressed up as Nikki from 'Dork Diaries', Kayleigh dressed up as Sophie from 'Vendetta' and Mia dressed up as Thalia from The 'Percy Jackson' series. The Juniors dressed up as wizards, fairytale Princesses and Superheroes. We also got our pictures taken and vouchers for €1.50 for when we buy our next book. I think I still have it ..... somewhere ..... I didn't dress up though because I didn't have anything for an outfit.

## After School Games

by Tadhg Linnane

Every Monday after school Karen Roland comes to our school with boxes of board games and card games for anyone who chooses to stay for an hour after school. One day we gathered milk cartons and made them into birdfeeders and painted them all different colours. Another day we painted our bug hotel, which we have this year as part of our work on Biodiversity. (Thank you Eamon McGann for making the bug hotel). If you would like to join the fun, after school games are on every Monday straight after school. All in all we have great craic and all for free!



**A big THANK YOU to the Parents' Committee for another very enjoyable Easter Sunday fundraiser, A total of €1055 was raised.**

**Thanks also to all who baked, sponsored prizes and helped out on the day!!**

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# New Quay news

St. Colman's National School

## Green Schools News

by Paddy Nolan



One Monday in March we planted a Willow Teepee. We had a special visitor from Doorus called Lynn, who helped us build our Teepee. Sadly the next day the wind came and broke it a little bit. We will let it grow and when it's grown we will try again to tie it.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of March we cleaned up the Flaggy Shore. All the children from New Quay School participated in this event along with their teachers and some of the parents. At one o'clock we travelled to the Flaggy Shore. We had all the necessary equipment including wellies, protective tabards, gloves to keep our hands safe and clean and plastic bags for the waste material. After we had finished the place was spotless!

Thanks to all the parents who helped.

## Rannta agus Dánta

by Chloe Fahy



On the 24<sup>th</sup> of March the Junior room invited us to hear them say poems and sing songs in Irish.

Euan opened up the show. He welcomed us and started the first poem. Some of the poems were *Teidí*, *Mo Mhadra* and *An Puisín*. The songs included *Tá mé ar scoil*, *Iora Rua* and *Ag féachaint ar an teilifís*. Everyone said a poem or sang a song on their own. Then they said it again all together. At the end of the show they said their names in Irish.

Múinteoir Mary agus na páistí -Go raibh maith agaibh.



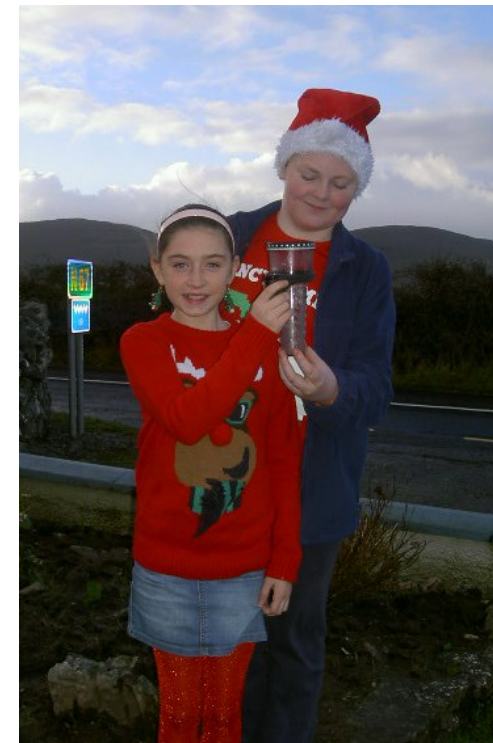
Congratulations to Grace Kerin whose *Doodle for Google* entry was chosen as a semi finalist and to Mia Farrell Rang 5 who came third in the Toyota Dream Car Art Contest. Well done girls!!

## Young Scientists Competition

by Rachel Daly

Jane O'Loughlin and Melissa Roche from Mary Immaculate Secondary School, Lisdoonvarna entered the Young Scientist Competition with an experiment called *An Examination of the fluctuations of salinity and nutrient content of the water in a Turlough close to the sea*. They chose the Turlough in Bellharbour.

They needed help with their experiment in recording the rainfall in the area. We were asked to help them. Tadhg and I used a rain gauge to measure the rain fall and we recorded the amount every day.



## Explorers Programme

by Rachel Daly

Noirín from Galway Atlantaquarvuim came in January and talked to us about sea creatures and about the dangers of being a diver. We also had to do a project based on the sea. Our artist in the classroom Sarah Fuller was in our school on the day she arrived and we decided to do our project using the Shadow Puppets. All the classes were divided into groups. 3rd Class and Sinéad called their show *Under the Horizon*. The rest of 4<sup>th</sup> class called their show *The Deep Blue Sea*. The 5th Class show was called *The Ghost of the Titanic*, and the 6th Class one was called *Under the Sea*.

We performed our shows for Noirín on the 12<sup>th</sup> March and she was very impressed. At the end we got a certificate to congratulate us for all our hard work.



# SPORTING NEWS

## Swimming Lessons

by Ciara Loughman

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of February our school began swimming lessons in Kilcornan. Junior and Senior Infants were allowed to go if one of their parents were willing to come with them. In the small group they were taught the right ways to do the strokes and how to swim the width of the pool. In the older group we were taught how to swim continuous lengths of the pool. We practiced the front crawl, backstroke and breast stroke. We were also taught handy life saving techniques such as turning your pants into a safety float and how to swim and tread water in our clothes. I know I can't speak for everyone but I loved it! I would like to say a special Thank You to the parents committee for giving us the lessons for free!

## Hurling

by Daniel Hunt

This year the children of New Quay N.S, Tubber N.S and Boston N.S have come together to play hurling. Every Tuesday we go to hurling training in Tubber after school. Pat Taaffe is the name of our trainer. Training is on from half three to half four. The girls and the boys have both already played a Blitz. The girls lost one game to Crusheen 3 to 2, drew with Kilshanny and won against Feakle 3 to 2 and the boys lost against Ruan 3-0 to 0-0. We won against Inch 6-2 to 0-0 and we beat Kilmaley 3-1 to 2-0. There are seventeen children going to the training sessions every Tuesday. The training sessions have been on for five weeks so far and hopefully will be continuing throughout the year.



## Rats

by Mia Farrell

This year the senior room 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> decided to perform a musical called RATS. RATS is a play based on the story "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

The people of Hamelin are pestered by the rats and they expect the mayor (Alderman Greedy) to rid them of the vermin. While Alderman Greedy and two councillors discuss how to get rid of the vermin there is a knock on the door and the Pied Piper comes in with his P.P.I.T. or Pied Piper in training. After accepting the piper's offer of ridding them of the vermin for the fine price of 1,000 guilders the mayor then leaves to have some of his beloved food. The pied piper and P.P.I.T. play a tune and lead the rats into the Weaser River, where they all drown except for one. The towns people celebrate but when the Piper goes up to the mayor and asks for his reward he is refused. The Pied Piper is furious when he hears this and he changes his tune so that the children follow him away from the town and under a mountain. Only the crippled child is left behind. The town's people, Mayor, councillors and crippled child all try to find the children but sadly they never succeed.

We all had great fun rehearsing, getting all of the props and costumes and of course performing the musical play for the audience. We would like to thank Cate King and Ellie Farrell for painting the background, Declan O Hal-loran for supplying the paint, and of course all of the parents for putting the costumes and some of the props together. We hope all of you enjoyed the performance!



## Artist in the Classroom

by Ciara Loughman



Rang 3 – Rang 6 participated in a shadow puppeting course taught by Sarah Fullar. The once in a lifetime course taught me how to experiment with different fabrics and objects like a plain old plastic bottle which Sarah helped us turn into a really cool jellyfish. She also showed us how different strength bulbs produce different types of shadows. She helped us make amazing puppets for a show which we performed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. Over all the experience was amazing and I personally would love to do it again.

Thanks so much Sarah!!!

## Christmas Crafts

by Keeley Mc Gann

We got our Christmas holidays on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. On that day we came to school wearing Christmas jumpers! Some parents came in to create Arts and Crafts with us. Ann Shields and Jess Buckley helped us make marshmallow kebabs with chocolate sauce. We also made some biscuit houses. We made angels and birds with Cate King and Geraldine Kerin. We made candle holders with Ellie Farrell and Martina Fahy. My favourite activity was when we iced ginger bread men with Karen Roland. The last activity was making gnomes and fairy wands with Margaret Fahy and Karen Sorenson.

A Big thank you to all the parents who gave their time!!!

## Young Artists

by Kayleigh Shannon

Once a month on a Wednesday Ellie Farrell and Cate King come after school to talk to us about art and do fun activities.

First Ellie shows us a slide show about olden day art such as the Renaissance and explains what we will be doing on that day.

The first month we painted modern day paintings in the Greek style. The second month we made patterns in clay which we will get back at the end of the year. We had to be very careful with the clay because if we smudged it we would ruin it. The third month Cate and Ellie brought in a box of everyday items like fruit, cloth, a vase, a water jug and tea cups which we had to draw the outline of. This was called Still Life.

Thankfully at the start Cate shows us how to do everything and both she and Ellie help us if we get stuck.

I can't wait to see what we'll be doing next!

